

Application No.: 10/643357
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-16(Cancelled).

17(Currently amended). A belt for a papermaking machine ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ having a wet paper web-contacting surface, and a shoe-contacting surface, said belt comprising a base body and a high molecular weight elastic section forming at least said shoe-contacting surface, said high molecular weight elastic section containing a powdery material, and the powdery material forming projections and recesses on the shoe-contacting surface, wherein said powdery material comprises a lipophilic inorganic compound.

18(Currently amended). A belt for a papermaking machine ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ having a wet paper web-contacting surface, and a shoe-contacting surface, said belt comprising a base body and a high molecular weight elastic section forming at least said shoe-contacting surface, said high molecular weight elastic section containing a powdery material, and the powdery material forming projections and recesses on the shoe-contacting surface, wherein said powdery material comprises an oil-absorbing resin or lipophilic resin.